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- World Patent No. W0 00/66186 1.
- U. S. Patent No. 4,687,635
- World Patent No. W0 99/32162 3.
- 4. World Patent No. W0 01/58499

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- 5. U. S. Patent No. 5,868,999
- 6. Patent Abstracts of Japan; Vol. 1995, No. 08, 29

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Documents 3-6 were cited as state of the art "A" type references.

Documents 1 and 2 were cited as obvious "Y" type references.

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